

**House of Representatives
Fisheries, Ecology and Parks
Committee Meeting Schedule - Interim 2003**

| DATE | TIME | LOCATION | COMMITTEE | SUBJECT | TYPE |
|---------------|-------------------|--------------------|----------------|---|---------------------------------|
| June 23 | 9:00 am - 2:00 pm | Olympia, WA | Full Committee | Geoduck Management and Marine Health. 1) Role of state agencies in geoduck management. 2) Marine Health Issues: a) Update on US. v WA (Culvert lawsuit) b) Salmon Recovery Overview. | Work Session |
| August (Mid) | 8:00 am - 5:00 PM | Eastern Washington | Full Committee | 1) View agriculture crop damage and programs. 2) Discuss non-consumptive wildlife activities. 3) Grizzly bear management issues. | Work Session |
| August (Late) | TBA | NW Washington | Full Committee | 1) Update on marine health issues in NW Washington including Orca recovery and salmon recovery. 2) Geoduck management. | Possible Work Session |
| September 19 | Morning | Olympia, WA | Full Committee | September Legislative Assembly: 1) Geoduck Management Reform Options (joint with AGNR) 2) Electronic Waste and Recycling 3) Hydraulic Project Approval Reform Options | Public Hearing/ Work Session |
| December 4-5 | TBA | Olympia, WA | Full Committee | December Committee Assembly: 1) Environmental Regulatory Programs Interactions - Legislative options. 2) Wildlife Crop Damage - Review of WDFW programs and potential legislative options. 3) Hazardous Waste and Financial Assurances legislative options. (possibly joint with Senate) 4) Electronic Waste and Recycling Legislative Options. | Public Hearing/ Work Session |

Project Title: Geoduck Harvest and Management

Priority: 1

Completion Date: December 31, 2003

Committee / Staff: Jason Callahan, Jeff Olsen

Reference: House Bills 1238, 1239, 1958

Other Resources: Per Discussion with Representative Linville, the Chair requests authorization for travel and per diem for Representative Rockefeller to attend geoduck meetings.

Project Description: Convene stakeholders to develop legislative recommendations to improve geoduck management and enforcement, evaluate the impact of implementing a limited entry geoduck divers license, review the role of geoduck aquaculture, and evaluate the current geoduck management process to see if efficiencies can be identified. The project will include inviting members of the Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee to attend 2 hearings in Olympia, and potentially a third hearing held in Snohomish County. Staff will prepare summaries of the current statute and potential policy neutral code consolidation options.

Project Title: State Parks Operations Review

Priority: 2

Completion Date: September 31, 2003

Committee / Staff: Jeff Olsen, Jason Callahan

Reference: House Bills 1139, 1142, 1335, 1659, 1893

Other Resources:

Project Description: Review the operation of state parks facilities, study the impact of user fees on park visitation and access, review the condition of facilities and the need for long-term funding, and review the special needs of water access parks and water trail parks.

Project Title: Hydraulic Permit Approval Review

Priority: 3

Completion Date: December 31, 2003

Committee / Staff: Jeff Olsen, Jason Callahan

Reference: House Bills 1500, 1515

Other Resources:

Project Description: Conduct an in-depth review of the Hydraulic Project Approval program administered by the Department of Fish and Wildlife, including an update of the current code's organization, the establishment of user fees, the effectiveness of current non-compliance penalties, the length of time before an approval is granted, the proper scope of the program, the Department's implementation of 2002's task force recommendations, and the ability of project applicants to appeal agency decisions. The project will include stakeholder meetings and a public hearing in Olympia.

Project Title: Marine Health

Priority: 4

Completion Date: December 31, 2003

Committee / Staff: Jeff Olsen, Jason Callahan

Reference: n/a

Other Resources:

Project Description: Conduct a review of the various mechanisms being used to address the health of the marine environment in Washington. The review will include educating committee members about the salmon recovery infrastructure and looking to see if salmon recovery funding is effective and consistent with statutory requirements, researching marine protected areas and fisheries closure policies, studying the federal and state options to address declining Puget Sound orca populations, updating the committee on the progress of the US v. Washington culverts case, examining the interplay between the tribes and state in co-managing salmon and other marine resources, and considering the appropriate role of hatcheries.

Project Title: Wildlife Crop Damage

Priority: 5

Completion Date:

Committee / Staff: Jason Callahan, Jeff Olsen

Reference:

Other Resources:

Project Description: A review of the tools currently available to the Department of Fish and Wildlife for controlling wildlife damage to crops and reimbursing landowners for the damage caused by deer and elk. The project will include a hearing in Olympia and a staff report on the tools currently available to the state.

Project Title: Interactions Among Environmental Regulatory Programs

Priority: 6

Completion Date: December 31, 2003

Committee / Staff: Jeff Olsen, Jason Callahan

Reference: n/a

Other Resources:

Project Description: Two members of the committee will participate in the Local Government Committee's general review of the local government permitting process under the Growth Management Act, the Shoreline Management Act, and the State Environmental Policy Act. In addition to considering the interaction of statutory provisions and methods for integrating the permitting requirements of the acts, the work group will also likely review related requisites for hydraulic project permits.

Project Title: Electronic Waste and Recycling

Priority: 7

Completion Date: December 31, 2003

Committee / Staff: Jeff Olsen, Jason Callahan

Reference: House Bill 1942

Other Resources:

Project Description: Review electronic waste and recycling programs in other states and industry recycling efforts. Develop statutory options to establish a state electronic waste recycling policy. The project will include stakeholder meetings organized by the chair of the committee.

Project Title: Hazardous Waste Facilities and Financial Assurances

Priority: 8

Completion Date: December 31, 2003

Committee / Staff: Jeff Olsen, Jason Callahan

Reference: House Bill 1743

Other Resources: Possible Joint meeting with the Senate Committee on Natural Resources, Energy, & Water.

Project Description: Review the current state of the law and possible options for addressing gaps in coverage. (Possible Joint meeting with the Senate Committee on Natural Resources, Energy, & Water.)

Project Title: Promotion of Non-consumptive Wildlife Activities

Priority: 9

Completion Date: September 31, 2003

Committee / Staff: Jeff Olsen, Jason Callahan

Reference: Senate Bills 5011, 5204

Other Resources:

Project Description: Follow the efforts of the Department of Fish and Wildlife as they promote non-consumptive, or "watchable" wildlife activities.

Project Title: Grizzly Bear Management

Priority: 10

Completion Date: September 31, 2003

Committee / Staff: Jason Callahan, Jeff Olsen

Reference: Senate Joint Memorial 8004

Other Resources:

Project Description: Study the status of Grizzly bear populations in Washington, follow the North Cascades Grizzly bear recovery efforts being undertaken by British Columbia, and examine options for Washington to prepare for increased populations north of its border.